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Inspections made Sept. 28 to Oct. 5, 1912, inclusive.

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| Buildings inspected..... | 771 |
| Cars inspected..... | 186 |
| Packages of freight fumigated..... | 775 |
| Packages of freight repacked..... | 84 |
| Packages of freight inspected and passed..... | 13, 301 |
| Oxcarts and wagons carrying outgoing overland freight inspected..... | 286 |
| Packages inspected..... | 9, 447 |
| Packages repacked..... | 543 |
| Total number of packages inspected..... | 9, 990 |
| Rats found in freight and express packages inspected..... | 3 |

Plague-infected Rat Found.

The finding of a plague-infected rat at Arecibo was reported October 15, 1912.

Rats Found in Merchandise.

Dr. Creel further reports September 20: Twenty-three rats have been found in merchandise examined prior to shipment from San Juan. This number is significant in view of the fact that only about 100 rats are being trapped at San Juan per day. The rat population of San Juan is undoubtedly very low at the present time, as is shown by the fact that very few rats are found under the floors of stables and other structures which ordinarily harbor rodents. Some of the rats found in merchandise have been caught in unpacking articles of freight; others have been found dead in the sulphur furnace after fumigation. The class of cargo in which most of the rats have been found is that packed in straw or hay, or dried garlic crated. Rats have been frequently found in garlic, which is of considerable interest from the fact that garlic arrives at San Juan in large quantities from the Canary Islands, one of the possible sources of the present plague in Porto Rico.

Quarantine Circular.

SAN JUAN, P. R., October 7, 1912.

Hereafter and until further notice all cargo that may transport rats, coming from Spain or any of its dependencies, or from Cuba, must be fumigated to kill rats. It will be necessary to inquire carefully into the origin of all freight and to personally inspect such as may be from the above-mentioned places before passing same as nonratcarrying. Cargo that has been fumigated at Habana under the supervision of the United States medical officer need not be subjected to further fumigation on arrival here.

No extra restrictions are to be placed on passengers.

S. B. GRUBBS,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

RUSSIA.

Typhus Fever.

At Moscow 28 cases of typhus fever with 5 deaths were reported during the week ended August 10 and during the week ended August 31, 65 cases with 3 deaths.

At St. Petersburg during the two weeks ended August 31 there were reported 2 cases of typhus fever.

VENEZUELA.

Yellow Fever.

Acting Asst. Surg. Stewart, at La Guaira, reports October 1:

During the past two weeks there have been reported 3 cases of yellow fever with 1 death at Maiquetia and at Caracas 2 cases with